Nedzi Reported Subject Of CIA Panel Meeting

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The House intelligence committee met in secret session yesterday to discuss reports that Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi had been told by the Central Intelligence Agency of alleged improper activities a year ago and decided to do nothing about them.

Afterward, committee members declined to say what was discussed, but one said: "We decided to take it to the Speaker."

The motion for the secret session was made by Rep. James V. Stanton (D-Ohio), who refused to say in advance why he wanted the session.

Stanton had said earlier he was concerned about The New York Times' report that the CIA had told Nedzi about alleged agency involvement in discussion of assassination plots and spying on U.S. anti-war activists.

Nedzi (D-Mich.), refused to confirm or deny the story except to say that "whatever we were told was history at that time."

Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), a committee member, said that some consideration was being given to asking the House Democratic caucus to consider removing Nedzi as chairman.

Rep. Michael Harrington (d-Mass.), who has opposed Nedzi's chairmanship from the start, said he did not believe the committee could vote to remove Nedzi, because he had been appointed chairman by Speaker Carl Albert.

"I think the Speaker ought to consider his choice," Harrington said. "I've never thought he (Nedzi) could do a good job."

Harrington said his objection to Nedzi goes back to a closed-door session last year at which CIA Director William E. Colby testified that the CIA had spent $8 million to help opponents of former Marxist Chilean President Salvador Allende.

Allende later died in a coup that overthrew his government.

Harrington contended that Nedzi "failed in his oversight responsibility" by not taking action on the CIA activity in Chile.

Nedzi told reporters he believes the key question before both the Senate and House intelligence committees is whether Congress must exercise better oversight over the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies and whether more congressmen should be informed of the intelligence activities.